

SC Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

General Information:

Chapter 4, Title 30, South Carolina Code of Laws, also known as the "Freedom of Information Act" (FIOA), sets forth the statutory requirements for public bodies in our state concerning openness in public meetings and the disclosure of public records. The "Quick Facts" below are examples of the information you have the right to know under FOIA. To view a copy of the full Act and its provisions, as well as a "plain English" version of its contents, visit the S.C. Press Association's home page at <http://www.scpres.org>. (Click on the box labeled FOIA.)

Quick fact – Employees with Annual Compensation of \$50,000 or more

Under Code Section 30-4-40 (a) (6) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, public bodies are required to disclose, upon request, exact compensation levels for persons compensated in annual amounts equal to or greater than \$50,000. Here is a listing, by name, department, and title of Newberry County employees whose compensation is included in this category.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>BASE SALARY</u>
A.J. Tothacer, Jr.	Legal Department	County Attorney	\$125,484.84
James L. Foster	Sheriff's Office	Sheriff	\$116,120.08
Richard Farmer	Economic Development	Dir. of Economic Development	\$101,959.52
Debbie S. Cromer	Finance	Finance Director	\$94,725.02
Ervin West	Facilities Management	Director of Facilities Management	\$92,001.26
Donna Lominack	Auditor's Office	Auditor	\$91,371.44
Karen Lindler-Smith	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer	\$89,753.46
Wesley M. Boland	Sheriff's Office	Chief Deputy	\$91,800.28
Kelly B. Nobles	Probate Judge's Office	Probate Judge	\$87,311.04
Elizabeth McDonald	Assessor's Office	Assessor	\$86,700.38
Robert Dennis	Sheriff's Office	Major	\$80,597.40
Elizabeth P. Folk	Clerk of Court's Office	Clerk of Court	\$80,483.96
Mike Pisano	Public Works	Public Works Director	\$76,500.32
Karen Brehmer	Administration	Asst to Cnty Admstr/Budget	\$76,500.32
Ronald Powell	Bldg Insp, Plng&Zoning	Dir of Bldg Insp, Plng&Zoning	\$76,500.32
Ben Chapman	Sheriff's Office	Captain	\$76,439.48
Garrett Lominack	Sheriff's Office	Captain	\$74,766.38
Ron Halfacre	Central Court	Chief Magistrate	\$70,519.92
William Johnson	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$69,584.32
Crystal Waldrop	Procurement	Purchasing Director	\$69,360.20
Tommy Long	Emergency Services	Emergency Svcs Coordinator	\$68,433.82
Barry Koon	Central Court	Magistrate	\$67,519.92
Gordon Johnson	Central Court	Magistrate	\$67,519.92
Charles Verner	Public Defender	Public Defender	\$67,519.92
Katherine Cook	Human Resources	Director of Human Resources	\$67,029.30

Odell Schumpert	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$65,842.14
Daniel Floyd	Sheriff's Office	Captain of Corrections	\$62,220.60
Katie Werts	Planning and Zoning	Zoning Administrator	\$59,160.14
Michael Stribble	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$58,650.28
Leslie Parnell	Veterans Affairs	Director of VA	\$55,960.06
Jessie Long	Recreation	Director of Parks and Recreation	\$55,794.18
Larry Graham Jr.	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$55,080.48
Judy Sanders	Magistrate's Office	Court Administrator	\$54,575.56
Shawn Carnes	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$54,570.36
Stephen Bradley Epps	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$54,060.24
Deanna Wilbanks	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$53,550.38
Daniel Claytor	Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant	\$53,040.00
Matthew Dickert	Sheriff's Office	Investigator	\$53,040.00
Beverly Brehmer	Clerk of Court	Deputy Clerk of Court	\$52,525.20
Carol Lively	Clerk of Court	Family Court Deputy Clerk	\$52,086.58
Georgia Attaway	Assessor's Office	Deputy Assessor	\$51,740.00
Casey Rembisz	Sheriff's Office	Sergeant	\$51,306.32
John Fulmer	Sheriff's Office	Sergeant	\$51,000.56
Sandra Tate	Assessor	Appraiser	\$51,000.30
William Claytor	Sheriff's Office	Sergeant	\$50,286.34
Brian Smith	Sheriff's Office	Sergeant	\$50,286.34
Amelia Shields	Probate	Deputy Probate Judge	\$50,101.74

*The County Administrator receives a \$600.00 per month travel allowance.

**Includes \$1,575 salary supplement reimbursed by the State.

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****Manages the Sheriff's Office, Jail 911 Communications, 911 Addressing, Victims' Witness, and School Resources. Serves as the County Homeland Security Director and back up to Public Safety. Includes a \$1,575 salary supplement reimbursed by the State.

Quick Fact – County Council Salaries

Under Code Section 30-4-40 (a) (6) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, counties are required to disclose, upon request, exact compensation levels for members of their county councils. Listed below are the names and compensation levels of the members of Newberry County Council. Note that Code Section 4-9-100 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides that additional compensation may be paid to the council member elected to serve as chairman of the county council. *Newberry County Council annually elects its chair by vote of the council members.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Todd Johnson	1	\$15,000
Mary Arrowood	2	\$15,000
Henry H. Livingston, III	3	\$17,700 (Chairman)*
Robert (Nick) Shealy	4	\$15,000
Leslie (Les) Hipp	5	\$15,000
Johnny M. Scurry	6	\$15,000
Travis Reeder	7	\$15,000